

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 have been cancelled. Only allowed claims 13-20 remain pending in the application. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the final rejection are respectfully requested.


As only allowed claims 13-20 remain in the application, Applicants respectfully submit that the After Final Amendment should be entered and the application passed to issuance.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #381KA/50339).

Respectfully submitted,

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